Supplemental code file for manuscript titled: Human Milk Oligosaccharide Utilization in Intestinal Bifidobacteria is Governed by a Global Transcriptional Regulator NagR

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1 Background

This supplementary code file file below describes:

- 1. Analysis of RNA-seq data: processing of raw fastq files and mapping reads to the *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697 transcriptome
- 2. Analysis of EMSA data: processing of gel quantification data and building of 4-PL models
- 3. Analysis of growth and metabolomic data

2 Reproducibility and accessibility

All code used in this analysis, including the Rmarkdown document used to compile this supplementary code file, is available on GitHub here. Once the GitHub repo has been downloaded, navigate to NagR_manuscript/ to find the Rmarkdown document as well as an RProject file. This should be your working directory for executing code. To reproduce RNA-seq data analysis you will additionally need to download raw fastq files from the Gene Expression Omnibus, under accession GSE196064. Downloaded fastq files should be placed in: NagR_manuscript/data/rnaseq/fastq/.

3 R packages used

A set of R packages was used for this analysis. All graphics and data wrangling were handled using the tidyverse suite of packages. All packages used are available from the Comprehensive R Archive Network (CRAN), Bioconductor.org, or Github.

```
library(tidyverse)
library(tximport)
library(gt)
library(edgeR)
library(matrixStats)
library(cowplot)
library(ggrepel)
library(pheatmap)
library(drc)
library(Cairo)
library(ggpubr)
```

4 External R functions used

A set of external R functions was used to keep the code tidy. All used R scripts with functions can be found in NagR_manuscript/code/.

```
source("code/profile.R") # calculates counts per million (CPM) for each gene,
# and plots the distribution of CPM values for each sample
source("code/deg_list.R") # selects differential expressed genes (DEGs) based on input cut-offs,
# outputs an annotated tables with DEGs to a txt file
source("code/emsa.R") # builds 4-parameter logistic (4PL) model for EMSA quantification data,
# plots the fit from the 4PL model with 95% confidence intervals
```

5 Analysis of RNA-seq data

5.1 Processing of raw fastq files and read mapping

The code chuck below describes processing of raw fastq files and mapping reads to the *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697 transcriptome. The following software is required (can be installed to a conda environment):

- 1. FastQC (v0.11.9)
- 2. Cutadapt (v3.4)
- 3. Bowtie2 (v2.4.4)
- 4. Kallisto v0.46.2
- 5. MultiQC (v1.11)
- 6. Parallel (v20210222)

Note: due to size limitation, raw fastq files could not be stored in the GitHub repo. Thus, you will need to download the fastq files from the Gene Expression Omnibus, under accession GSE196064. Downloaded fastq files should be in data/rnaseq/fastq/. The reference fasta files used for building Bowtie2 and Kallisto indeces should be in data/rnaseq/refs/.

Note: exact file names (without the .fastq.qz extension) should be entered into data/rnaseq/runids.txt.

Alternatively, you can run code/qc readmapping.sh instead of the code chunk below.

Summary of the script:

- 1. Quality control of raw reads was carried out using FastQC
- 2. Illumina sequencing adapters and short reads (< 20 bp) were removed using Cutadapt
- 3. Reads were mapped against rRNA and tRNA gene sequences extracted from the *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697 genome (GenBank accession no. CP001095.1) using Bowtie2. Unmapped (filtered) reads were saved and used further
- 4. Filtered reads were mapped to the $Bifidobacterium\ longum\ subsp.\ infantis\ ATCC\ 15697\ (CP001095.1)$ using Kallisto
- 5. The quality of raw/filtered reads, as well as the results of Bowtie2/Kallisto mapping were summarized in data/rnaseq/multiqc_report.html generated via MultiQC

```
source ~/.bash_profile
echo $BASH_VERSION
set -ex

# required software: fastqc (v0.11.9), cutadapt (v3.4), bowtie2 (v2.4.4), kallisto (v0.46.2), multiqc (
# sample names should be in data/rnaseq/runids.txt
```

```
{\it \# activate \ conda \ environment \ with \ required \ software}
eval "$(command conda 'shell.bash' 'hook' 2> /dev/null)" # initializes conda in sub-shell
conda activate transcriptomics
conda info egrep "conda version active environment"
# create directories
mkdir data/rnaseq/qc1 # qc results for raw reads
mkdir data/rnaseq/qc2 # qc results for filtered reads
mkdir data/rnaseq/fq_trim # trimmed reads
mkdir data/rnaseq/fq_filt # filtered reads
mkdir data/rnaseq/sam # sam files produced during bowtie2 alignment; will be deleted
mkdir data/rnaseq/kallisto # kallisto mapping results
# run fastqc on raw reads
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "fastqc data/rnaseq/fastq/{}.fastq.gz --outdir data/rnaseq/qc1"
# trim adapters using cutadapt
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "cutadapt -m 20 -a AGATCGGAAGAGCACGTCTGAACTCCAGTC \
-o data/rnaseq/fq_trim/{}.fastq.gz data/rnaseq/fastq/{}.fastq.gz \
&> data/rnaseq/fq_trim/{}.fastq.qz.log"
# filter reads mapping to rRNA and tRNA genes
# build bowtie2 index
bowtie2-build data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis_ATCC15697_rRNA_tRNA.fasta data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis_ATCC15697
# align reads via bowtie2; save ones that did not align to a separate file
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "bowtie2 -x data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis_ATCC15697_rRNA_tRNA \
-U data/rnaseq/fq_trim/{}.fastq.gz \
-S data/rnaseq/sam/{}.sam \
--un data/rnaseq/fq_filt/{}.fastq \
&> data/rnaseq/fq_filt/{}.log"
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "gzip data/rnaseq/fq_filt/{}.fastq"
# run fastqc on filtered reads
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "fastqc data/rnaseq/fq_filt/{}.fastq.gz --outdir data/rnaseq/qc2"
# pseudolalign reads to transcriptome
# build kallisto index
kallisto index -i data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis ATCC15697 transcriptome.index data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis A
# map reads to indexed reference via kallisto
cat data/rnaseq/runids.txt | parallel "kallisto quant -i data/rnaseq/refs/Binfantis_ATCC15697_transcrip
-o data/rnaseq/kallisto/{} \
--single \
-1 200 \
-s 20 \
data/rnaseq/fq_filt/{}.fastq.gz \
&> data/rnaseq/kallisto/{}_2.log"
# run multiqc
export LC_ALL=en_US.utf-8
export LANG=en_US.utf-8
multiqc -d . -o data/rnaseq
# remove directories with intermediate files
```

```
rm -rf data/rnaseq/qc1
rm -rf data/rnaseq/qc2
rm -rf data/rnaseq/fq_filt
rm -rf data/rnaseq/sam
```

5.2 Importing count data into R

TxImport was used to read Kallisto outputs into the R environment.

Note: before running the code, double-check that file names in the file_names column in data/rnaseq/studydesign.txt are identical to file names in data/rnaseq/runids.txt.

```
# read the study design file
targets <- read_tsv("data/rnaseq/studydesign.txt")
# set file paths to Kallisto output folders with quantification data
files <- file.path("data/rnaseq/kallisto", targets$file_name, "abundance.tsv")
# check that all output files are present
all(file.exists(files))</pre>
```

[1] TRUE

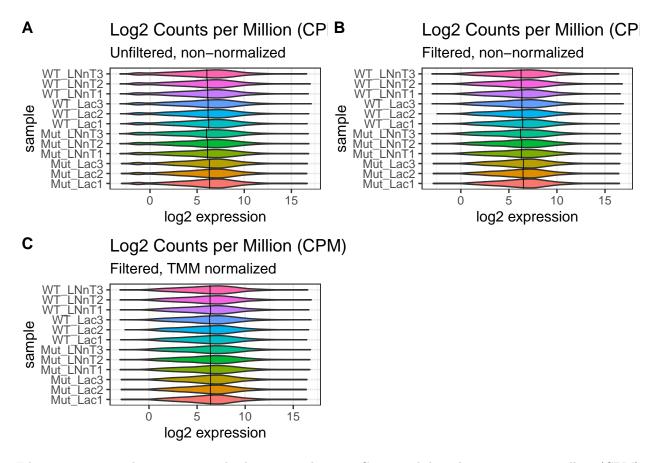
```
# use 'tximport' to import Kallisto output into R
txi_kallisto <- tximport(files,</pre>
                          type = "kallisto",
                          txOut = TRUE, # import at transcript level
                          countsFromAbundance = "lengthScaledTPM")
# capture variables of interest from the study design
condition <- as.factor(targets$condition)</pre>
condition <- factor(condition, levels = c("WT_Lac", "Mut_Lac", "WT_LNnT", "Mut_LNnT"))</pre>
batch <- as.factor(targets$batch)</pre>
strain <- as.factor(targets$strain)</pre>
carb <- as.factor(targets$carb)</pre>
# capture sample labels for later use
sampleLabels <- targets$sample</pre>
# saw a table with raw counts for GEO submission
raw_counts <- as.tibble(txi_kallisto$counts, rownames = "locus_tag")</pre>
colnames(raw_counts) <- c("geneID", sampleLabels)</pre>
write_tsv(raw_counts, "results/tables/Arzamasov_raw_count_matrix.txt")
# use gt package to produce the study design table
gt(targets) %>%
  cols_align(
    align = "left",
    columns = TRUE
  )
```

sample	file_name	condition	batch	strain	carb
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```
WT Lac1
            01 WT Lac1 S53 merged lanes
                                             WT\_Lac
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           Lac
            02_Mut_Lac1_S54_merged_lanes
Mut\_Lac1
                                             Mut Lac
                                                         1
                                                                           Lac
                                                               M3
WT LNnT1
            03 WT LNnT1 S55 merged lanes
                                             WT LNnT
                                                         2
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           LNnT
Mut\_LNnT1
            04_Mut_LNnT1_S56_merged_lanes
                                             Mut\_LNnT
                                                         2
                                                                           LNnT
WT\_Lac2
            05\_WT\_Lac2\_S57\_merged\_lanes
                                             WT_Lac
                                                         1
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           Lac
Mut Lac2
            06 Mut Lac2 S58 merged lanes
                                             Mut Lac
                                                         1
                                                               M3
                                                                           Lac
            07 WT LNnT2 S59 merged lanes
WT LNnT2
                                             WT LNnT
                                                         2
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           LNnT
Mut\_LNnT2
            08_Mut_LNnT2_S60_merged_lanes
                                             Mut LNnT
                                                         2
                                                                           LNnT
                                                               M3
WT\_Lac3
            09\_WT\_Lac3\_S61\_merged\_lanes
                                             WT\_Lac
                                                         1
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           Lac
            10\_Mut\_Lac3\_S62\_merged\_lanes
Mut\_Lac3
                                             Mut\_Lac
                                                         1
                                                               M3
                                                                           Lac
WT_LNnT3
            11 WT LNnT3 S63 merged lanes
                                             WT_LNnT
                                                         2
                                                               ATCC15697
                                                                           LNnT
Mut _LNnT3
            12 Mut LNnT3 S64 merged lanes
                                             Mut LNnT
                                                               M3
                                                                           LNnT
```

5.3 Filtering and normalization

```
myDGEList <- DGEList(txi_kallisto$counts)
# plot unfiltered, non-normalized CPM
p1 <- profile(myDGEList, sampleLabels, "Unfiltered, non-normalized")
# filter counts
cpm <- cpm(myDGEList)
keepers <- rowSums(cpm>1)>=3 # only keep genes that have cpm>1 (== not zeroes) in more than 2 samples (
myDGEList.filtered <- myDGEList[keepers,]
# plot filtered, non-normalized CPM
p2 <- profile(myDGEList.filtered, sampleLabels, "Filtered, non-normalized")
# normalize counts via the TMM method implemented in edgeR
myDGEList.filtered.norm <- calcNormFactors(myDGEList.filtered, method = "TMM")
# plot filtered, normalized CPM
p3 <- profile(myDGEList.filtered.norm, sampleLabels, "Filtered, TMM normalized")
# compare distributions of the CPM values
plot_grid(p1, p2, p3, labels = c('A', 'B', 'C'), label_size = 12)</pre>
```



Filtering was carried out to remove lowly expressed genes. Genes with less than 1 count per million (CPM) in at least 3 or more samples filtered out. This procedure reduced the number of genes from **2508** to **2366**. In addition, the TMM method was used for between-sample normalization.

5.4 PCA plot

Principal Component Analysis (PCA) plots reduce complex datasets to a 2D representation where each axis represents a source of variance (known or unknown) in the dataset. As you can see from the plots below, Principal Component 1 (PC1; X-axis), which accounts for >38% of the variance in the data, is separating the samples based on carbon source. PC2 (Y-axis) accounts for a smaller source of variance (\sim 21%) and can be attributed to variation between strains of *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697: WT and naqR-KO.

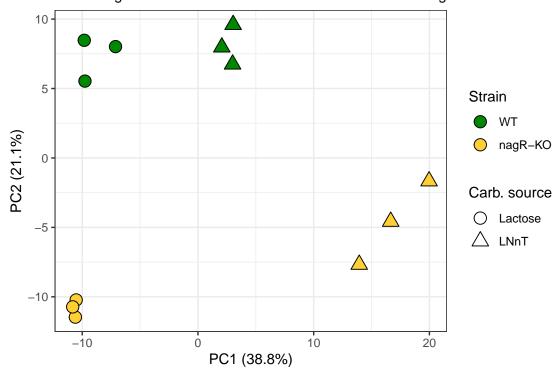
```
# running PCA
log2.cpm.filtered.norm <- cpm(myDGEList.filtered.norm, log=TRUE)
pca.res <- prcomp(t(log2.cpm.filtered.norm), scale.=F, retx=T)
pc.var <- pca.res$sdev^2 # sdev 2 captures eigenvalues from the PCA result
pc.per <- round(pc.var/sum(pc.var)*100, 1) # calculate percentage of the total variation explained by e
# converting PCA result into a tibble for plotting
pca.res.df <- as_tibble(pca.res$x)

# plotting PCA
ggplot(pca.res.df) +</pre>
```

```
aes(x=PC1, y=PC2, label=sampleLabels, shape = carb, fill = strain) +
geom_point(size=4) +
scale_shape_manual(name = "Carb. source",
                   breaks=c("Lac","LNnT"),
                   values=c(21, 24),
                   labels=c("Lactose", "LNnT")) +
scale_fill_manual(name = "Strain",
                   breaks=c("ATCC15697","M3"),
                   values=c("#008800", "#ffcf34"),
                   labels=c("WT", "nagR-KO")) +
guides(fill = guide_legend(override.aes=list(shape=21))) +
xlab(paste0("PC1 (",pc.per[1],"%",")")) +
ylab(paste0("PC2 (",pc.per[2],"%",")")) +
labs(title= "PCA of B. infantis ATCC 15697: WT vs nagR-KO",
     subtitle = "Principal component analysis (PCA) showing clear separation \nbetween growth on Lac
     color = "strain", shape="carb") +
coord_fixed(ratio=1.2) +
theme_bw() +
theme(plot.title = element_text(face="bold"))
```

PCA of B. infantis ATCC 15697: WT vs nagR-KO

Principal component analysis (PCA) showing clear separation between growth on Lac and LNnT and between WT and nagR-KO



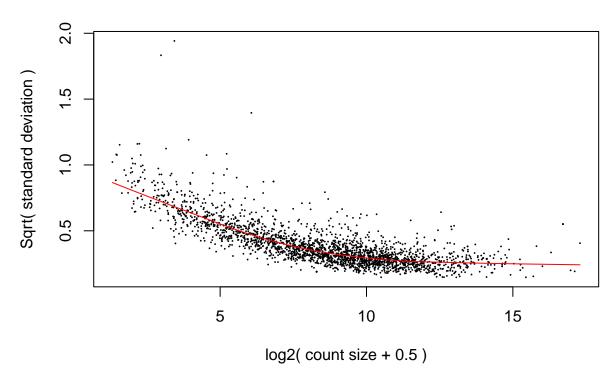
```
# save the figure as pdf
ggsave("results/figures/figure_2B.pdf", device = "pdf", width = 5, height = 5)
```

5.5 Differentially expressed genes

To identify differentially expressed genes (DEGs), precision weights were first applied to each gene based on its mean-variance relationship using VOOM. Linear modeling and bayesian stats were employed using Limma to find genes that were up- or down-regulated by 2-fold or more at false-discovery rate (FDR) of 0.01.

```
# setting up model matrix without intercept
design <- model.matrix(~0 + condition)
colnames(design) <- levels(condition)
# using VOOM function from Limma package to apply precision weights to each gene
v.DEGList.filtered.norm <- voom(myDGEList.filtered.norm, design, plot = TRUE)</pre>
```

voom: Mean-variance trend



DEGs were annotated based on a RAST-annotated version of the *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697 genome, which was additionally subjected to extensive manual curation in the web-based

mcSEED environment, a private clone of the publicly available SEED platform. The manual curation focused on annotating genes encoding functional roles (transporters, glycoside hydrolases, downstream catabolic enzymes, transcriptional regulators) involved in carbohydrate metabolism.

```
# create a master annotation table
seed.ann <- read_tsv('data/rnaseq/annotation/SEED_annotations.tsv')
corr <- read_tsv('data/rnaseq/annotation/Binfantis_ATCC15697_GenBank_vs_mcSEED.txt')
final.ann <- right_join(seed.ann, corr, by = c('seed_id' = 'seed_id')) %>%
    dplyr::select(locus_tag, annotation)

# annotate DEGs
# Mut_Lac vs WT_Lac
myTopHits.Mut <- topTable(ebFit, adjust = "BH", coef=1, number=2600, sort.by="logFC")
deg_list(myTopHits.Mut, -1, 1, 0.01, "results/tables/DEG_Mut_Lac_vs_WT_Lac.txt")</pre>
```

locus_tag	annotation
Blon 0879	Predicted N-acetyl-glucosamine kinase 2, ROK family (EC 2.7.1.59)
Blon 0881	Glucosamine-6-phosphate deaminase (EC 3.5.99.6)
Blon 0882	N-acetylglucosamine-6-phosphate deacetylase (EC 3.5.1.25)
Blon 2347	Type II HMOs transporter (Blon 2347) I, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2341	hypothetical protein
Blon_2344	Type II HMOs transporter (Blon_2344) II, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2346	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 1
Blon_2343	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 1
Blon_2345	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 2
Blon_2342	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 2
Blon_1132	hypothetical protein
Blon_2352	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2352, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2183	PTS system, glucose-specific IIABC (EC 2.7.1.69) @ PTS system, fructose-specific IIABC (EC 2.7.1.202)
Blon_1498	hypothetical protein
Blon_2349	N-acetylneuraminate lyase (EC 4.1.3.3)
Blon_2177	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 1, periplasmic substrate-binding protein @ Type I HMC
Blon_2351	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2351, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2444	Maltose/maltodextrin ABC transporter, substrate binding periplasmic protein MalE
Blon_1192	hypothetical protein
Blon_0883	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 2, periplasmic substrate-binding protein
Blon_1198	NA
Blon_1480	ABC transporter, substrate-binding protein
Blon_0139	4-alpha-glucanotransferase (amylomaltase) (EC 2.4.1.25)
Blon_2176	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 1, permease component 1 @ Type I HMOs transporter,
Blon_1200	N-formylglutamate deformylase (EC 3.5.1.68)
Blon_1251	hypothetical protein
Blon_2442	Maltose/maltodextrin ABC transporter, permease protein MalF
Blon_2350	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2350, substrate-binding protein
Blon_1831	putative lysin
Blon_2359	ABC transporter, permease component 2
Blon_1246	hypothetical protein
Blon_2441	Maltose/maltodextrin ABC transporter, permease protein MalG
Blon_2361	ABC transporter, ATP-binding protein

Blon_0884 Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 2, permease component 1

Lactose and galactose permease, GPH translocator family

Blon 2332

Blon 1199

Blon 1244

hypothetical protein

hypothetical protein

```
Blon_0789 Sucrose specific transcriptional regulator CscR, LacI family
Blon_0786 ABC-type nitrate/sulfonate/bicarbonate transport system, permease component
Blon_0788 Sucrose permease, major facilitator superfamily
Blon_0787 Exo-beta-(2-1/2-6)-fructofuranosidase 2, GH32
```

```
# annotate DEGs
# WT_LNnT vs WT_Lac
myTopHits.WT <- topTable(ebFit, adjust ="BH", coef=3, number=2600, sort.by="logFC")
deg_list(myTopHits.WT, -1, 1, 0.01, "results/tables/DEG_WT_LNnT_vs_WT_Lac.txt")</pre>
```

locus_tag	annotation
Blon_0879	Predicted N-acetyl-glucosamine kinase 2, ROK family (EC 2.7.1.59)
Blon_0881	Glucosamine-6-phosphate deaminase (EC 3.5.99.6)
Blon_0882	N-acetylglucosamine-6-phosphate deacetylase (EC 3.5.1.25)
Blon_2347	Type II HMOs transporter (Blon_2347) I, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2344	Type II HMOs transporter (Blon_2344) II, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2346	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 1
Blon_2343	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 1
Blon_2341	hypothetical protein
Blon_2349	N-acetylneuraminate lyase (EC 4.1.3.3)
Blon_2351	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2351, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2345	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 2
$Blon_2342$	Type II HMOs transporter, permease protein 2
$Blon_2352$	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2352, substrate-binding protein
$Blon_2350$	Predicted HMO transporter Blon_2350, substrate-binding protein
Blon_2177	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 1, periplasmic substrate-binding protein @ Type I HMC
$Blon_2475$	Maltose/maltodextrin transport ATP-binding protein MalK (EC 3.6.3.19)
Blon_2348	HMO cluster exo-alpha-(2-3/2-6)-sialidase, GH33
Blon_0883	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 2, periplasmic substrate-binding protein
Blon_2176	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 1, permease component 1 @ Type I HMOs transporter,
Blon_2175	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 1, permease component 2 @ Type I HMOs transporter,
Blon_0884	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 2, permease component 1
Blon_2174	1,3-beta-galactosyl-N-acetylhexosamine phosphorylase (EC 2.4.1.211)
Blon_2173	N-acetylhexosamine 1-kinase (EC 2.7.1.162)
Blon_2172	UTP-hexose-1-phosphate uridylyltransferase involved in lacto-N-biose utilization, predicted
Blon_2064	Transcriptional regulator of galactose metabolism, DeoR family
Blon_1549	hypothetical protein
Blon_0787	Exo-beta-(2-1/2-6)-fructofuranosidase 2, GH32
Blon_0788	Sucrose permease, major facilitator superfamily
Blon_2332	Lactose and galactose permease, GPH translocator family
Blon_0885	Lacto-N-biose and Galacto-N-biose ABC transporter 2, permease component 2
Blon_0419	ABC-type anion transport system, duplicated permease component
Blon_0387	Riboflavin synthase eubacterial/eukaryotic (EC 2.5.1.9)
Blon_0389	6,7-dimethyl-8-ribityllumazine synthase (EC 2.5.1.78)
Blon_0388	GTP cyclohydrolase II (EC $3.5.4.25$) / $3,4$ -dihydroxy-2-butanone 4-phosphate synthase (EC $4.1.99.12$)
Blon_0153	NA
Blon_1831	putative lysin

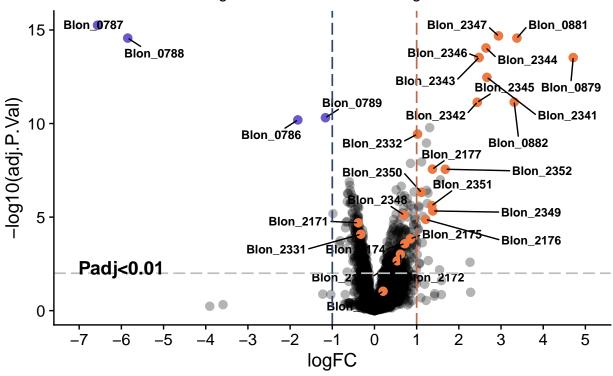
5.6 Volcano plot: $Bifidobacterium\ longum\ subsp.\ infantis\ ATCC\ 15697\ grown$ in MRS-CS-Lac: nagR-KO vs WT

Volcano plots are convenient ways to represent gene expression data because they combine magnitude of change (X-axis) with significance (Y-axis). Since the Y-axis is the inverse log10 of the adjusted Pvalue, higher points are more significant. In the case of this particular plot, there are many genes in the upper right of the plot, which represent genes that are significantly **upregulated** in the nagR-KO mutant grown in MRS-CS-Lac, compared to WT grown in MRS-CS-Lac.

```
# list stats for all genes in the dataset to be used for making volcano plot
myTopHits <- topTable(ebFit, adjust ="BH", coef=1, number=2600, sort.by="logFC")
myTopHits.df <- myTopHits %>%
 as_tibble(rownames = "geneID")
# select only genes with significant logFC and adj.P.Val
myTopHits.df.de <- subset(myTopHits.df, (logFC > 1 | logFC < -1) & adj.P.Val < 0.01)
# create a vector containing locus_tags of genes predicted to be in the NagR regulon
targets.nagR <- c("Blon_0879", "Blon_0881", "Blon_0882", "Blon_2171", "Blon_2172", "Blon_2173", "Blon_21
# create a vector containing locus_tags of genes predicted to be in the CscR regulon
targets.cscR <- c("Blon_0789", "Blon_0788", "Blon_0787", "Blon_0786")</pre>
# subset volcano plot data based targets.nagR and targets.cscR
myTopHits.nagR <- subset(myTopHits.df, geneID %in% targets.nagR)</pre>
myTopHits.cscR <- subset(myTopHits.df, geneID %in% targets.cscR)</pre>
# subset data labels(NagR regulon) for volcano plot
myTopHits.df$nagR <- myTopHits.df$geneID</pre>
myTopHits.nagR_selected <- myTopHits.df$nagR %in% myTopHits.nagR$geneID
myTopHits.df$nagR[!myTopHits.nagR_selected] <- NA</pre>
# subset data labels(CscR regulon) for volcano plot
myTopHits.df$cscR <- myTopHits.df$geneID</pre>
myTopHits.cscR_selected <- myTopHits.df$cscR %in% myTopHits.cscR$geneID
myTopHits.df$cscR[!myTopHits.cscR_selected] <- NA</pre>
# create the volcano plot
ggplot(myTopHits.df) +
  aes(y=-log10(adj.P.Val), x=logFC, text = paste("Symbol:", geneID)) +
  geom_point(size=3, shape = 16, color="black", alpha=.3) +
  geom_point(mapping=NULL, myTopHits.nagR, size = 3, shape = 16, color= "sienna2", inherit.aes = TRUE)
  geom_point(mapping=NULL, myTopHits.cscR , size = 3, shape = 16, color= "slateblue", inherit.aes = TRU
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = nagR), size = 3, fontface=2, color="black", min.segment.length = 0, seed
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = cscR), size = 3, fontface=2, color="black", min.segment.length = 0, seed
  geom_hline(yintercept = -log10(0.01), linetype="longdash", colour="grey", size=0.6) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1, linetype="longdash", colour="#BE684D", size=0.6) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = -1, linetype="longdash", colour="#2C467A", size=0.6) +
  annotate("text", x=-6, y=-log10(0.01)+0.3,
           label=paste("Padj<0.01"), size=5, fontface="bold") +</pre>
  scale x continuous(limits=c(-7,5), breaks = -7:5) +
  labs(title="Volcano plot",
       subtitle = "B. infantis ATCC15697 grown in MRS-CS-Lac: nagR-KO vs WT") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face="bold")) +
  theme_cowplot()
```

Volcano plot

B. infantis ATCC15697 grown in MRS-CS-Lac: nagR-KO vs WT



```
# save the figure as pdf
ggsave("results/figure_2C.pdf", device = "pdf", width = 8, height = 5)
```

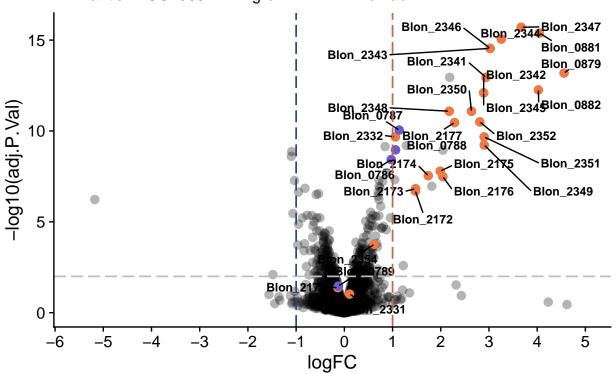
5.7 Volcano plot: *Bifidobacterium longum* subsp. *infantis* ATCC 15697 WT: grown in MRS-CS-LNnT vs grown in MRS-CS-Lac

```
# listing stats for all genes in the dataset to be used for making volcano plot
myTopHits3 <- topTable(ebFit, adjust ="BH", coef=3, number=2600, sort.by="logFC")
myTopHits.df3 <- myTopHits3 %>%
 as_tibble(rownames = "geneID")
# select only genes with significant logFC and adj.P.Val
myTopHits.df3.de <- subset(myTopHits.df3, (logFC > 1 | logFC < -1) & adj.P.Val < 0.01)
# subset volcano plot data based targets.nagR and targets.cscR
myTopHits.nagR3 <- subset(myTopHits.df3, geneID %in% targets.nagR)</pre>
myTopHits.cscR3 <- subset(myTopHits.df3, geneID %in% targets.cscR)
# subset volcano plot data labels (NagR-controlled genes)
myTopHits.df3$nagR <- myTopHits.df3$geneID
myTopHits.nagR_selected3 <- myTopHits.df3$nagR %in% myTopHits.nagR3$geneID
myTopHits.df3$nagR[!myTopHits.nagR_selected3] <- NA</pre>
# subset volcano plot data labels (CscR-controlled genes)
myTopHits.df3$cscR <- myTopHits.df3$geneID</pre>
myTopHits.cscR selected3 <- myTopHits.df3$cscR %in% myTopHits.cscR3$geneID
myTopHits.df3$cscR[!myTopHits.cscR selected3] <- NA
```

```
# create a volcano plot
ggplot(myTopHits.df3) +
  aes(y=-log10(adj.P.Val), x=logFC, text = paste("Symbol:", geneID)) +
  geom point(size=3, shape = 16, color = "black", alpha = .3) +
  geom_point(mapping=NULL, myTopHits.nagR3, size = 3, shape = 16, color = "sienna2", inherit.aes = TRUE
  geom_point(mapping=NULL, myTopHits.cscR3 , size = 3, shape = 16, color = "slateblue", inherit.aes = T
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = nagR), size = 3, fontface=2, color="black", min.segment.length = 0, seed
  geom_text_repel(aes(label = cscR), size = 3, fontface=2, color="black", mmin.segment.length = 0, seed
  geom_hline(yintercept = -log10(0.01), linetype="longdash", colour="grey", size=0.6) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = 1, linetype="longdash", colour="#BE684D", size=0.6) +
  geom_vline(xintercept = -1, linetype="longdash", colour="#2C467A", size=0.6) +
  annotate("text", x=-6, y=-log10(0.01)+0.3,
           label=paste("Padj<0.01"), size=5, fontface="bold") +</pre>
  scale_x_continuous(limits=c(-5.5,5), breaks = -6:5) +
  labs(title="Volcano plot",
       subtitle = "B. infantis ATCC15697 WT: grown in LNnT vs Lac") +
  theme(plot.title = element_text(face="bold")) +
  theme_cowplot()
```

Volcano plot

B. infantis ATCC15697 WT: grown in LNnT vs Lac



```
# save the figure as pdf
ggsave("results/figures/figure_2D.pdf", device = "pdf", width = 8, height = 5)
```

5.8 Heatmap

Heatmap was plotted using the pheatmap package. Rows are clustered by hierarchical clustering. Data are scaled by row Z-score.

```
colnames(v.DEGList.filtered.norm$E) <- sampleLabels</pre>
diffGenes <- v.DEGList.filtered.norm$E</pre>
diffGenes.df <- as_tibble(diffGenes, rownames = "geneID")</pre>
diffGenes.df.two_conditions <- subset(diffGenes.df, geneID %in% myTopHits.df.de$geneID | geneID %in% my
    relocate(geneID, WT_Lac1, WT_Lac2, WT_Lac3, Mut_Lac1, Mut_Lac2, Mut_Lac3, WT_LNnT1, WT_LNnT2, WT_LN
diffGenes.two_conditions <- as.matrix(diffGenes.df.two_conditions[,-1])</pre>
rownames(diffGenes.two_conditions) <- diffGenes.df.two_conditions$geneID
# plot the heatmap
pheatmap(diffGenes.two_conditions,
         scale = "row",
         cluster_rows = F,
         cluster_cols = F,
         angle_col = 45,
         gaps_{col} = c(3, 6, 9),
         cellwidth = 10,
         cellheight = 10,
         filename = "results/figures/figure_S3.pdf")
```

6 Analysis of Electrophoretic Mobility Shift Assay (EMSA) data

6.1 Determining EC_{50} for NagR Fig. S4

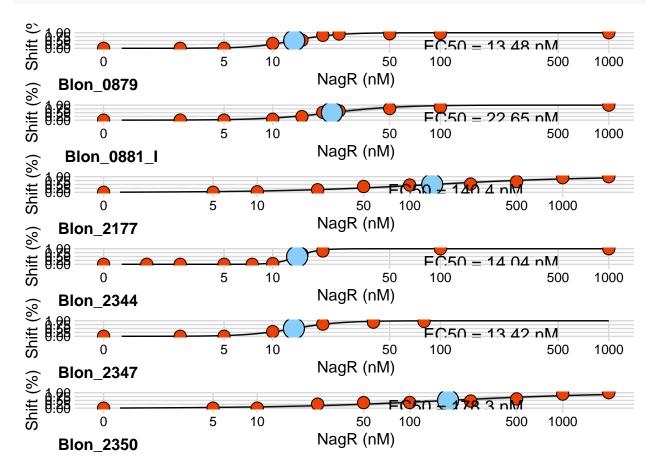
 EC_{50} for NagR is defined as NagR concentration (nM) at which 50% of a particular DNA probe (containing a predicted NagR-binding site) is shifted in an EMSA experiment. To calculate EC_{50} values, EMSA gels were visualized via Odyssey CLx. Bands were quantified in Image Studio v5.2, and shift percentages (how much of the probe is shifted at a particular NagR concentration) were calculated. The resulting data (data/emsa/NagR_data.txt) were imported into R and approximated by a 4-parameter logistic (4PL) equation implemented in the drc package. In the 4PL model, the lower limit was fixed at 0 and the upper limit at 1.

```
model_summary <- lapply(models, summary)</pre>
print(model_summary)
## $data_Blon_0879
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                  p-value
                                0.38351 -8.8939 2.022e-05 ***
## Slope:(Intercept) -3.41086
## EC50:(Intercept) 13.48218
                                0.48959 27.5378 3.261e-09 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error:
##
##
  0.04324023 (8 degrees of freedom)
##
## $data_Blon_0881_I
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
##
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                    Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                 p-value
## Slope:(Intercept) -2.20635
                                0.44946 -4.9088 0.001181 **
## EC50:(Intercept) 22.65238
                                1.81796 12.4603 1.608e-06 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error:
##
##
  0.06889999 (8 degrees of freedom)
## $data_Blon_2177
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                   p-value
## Slope:(Intercept) -0.92028
                                 0.11233 -8.1928 3.677e-05 ***
## EC50:(Intercept) 140.39781
                                23.07344 6.0848 0.0002944 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error:
##
##
  0.07237161 (8 degrees of freedom)
##
## $data_Blon_2344
```

##

```
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
##
## Parameter estimates:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                   p-value
                                0.79865 -8.8582 2.082e-05 ***
## Slope:(Intercept) -7.07459
## EC50:(Intercept) 14.03981
                                 0.23161 60.6174 6.096e-12 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error:
##
##
   0.03009977 (8 degrees of freedom)
##
## $data_Blon_2347
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                   p-value
## Slope:(Intercept) -3.07428
                                0.34441 -8.9261 0.000294 ***
## EC50:(Intercept) 13.42257
                                 0.58037 23.1278 2.812e-06 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error:
##
   0.03630326 (5 degrees of freedom)
##
##
## $data_Blon_2350
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) with lower limit at 0 and upper limit at 1 (2 parms)
##
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                    p-value
## Slope:(Intercept) -0.84253
                                  0.13914 -6.0553 0.0003041 ***
## EC50:(Intercept) 178.26884
                                 41.23875 4.3228 0.0025363 **
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error:
##
   0.09711114 (8 degrees of freedom)
Plot quantification data and the resulting 4PL fit with 95% confidence intervals.
# plot data
```

```
plot_Blon_0879 <- plot_fit(models$data_Blon_0879, data_Blon_0879, 1000)
plot_Blon_0881_I <- plot_fit(models$data_Blon_0881_I, data_Blon_0881_I, 1000)</pre>
plot_Blon_2177 <- plot_fit(models$data_Blon_2177, data_Blon_2177, 2000)</pre>
plot_Blon_2344 <- plot_fit(models$data_Blon_2344, data_Blon_2344, 1000)
plot_Blon_2347 <- plot_fit(models$data_Blon_2347, data_Blon_2347, 1000)
```

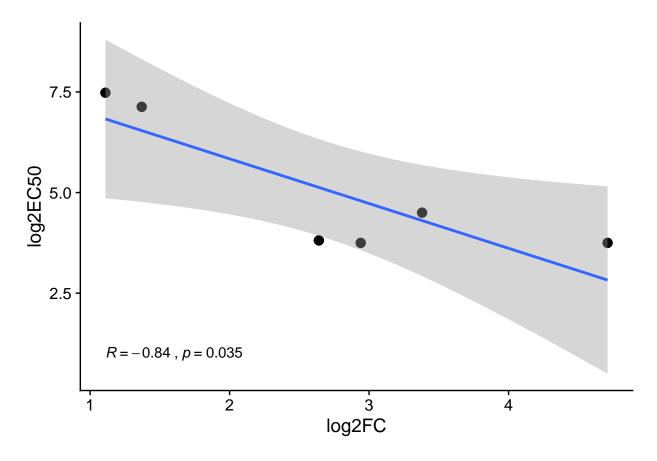


```
# save the figure
ggsave("results/figures/figure_S4.pdf", device = cairo_pdf, width = 5, height = 15)
```

6.2 Correlation between RNA-seq and EMSA-data Fig. 3C

Pearson correlation coefficient was calculated between $\log_2 \mathrm{EC}_{50}$ values determined by EMSA and $\log_2(\mathrm{FoldChange})$ of genes in the RNA-seq experiment (nagR-KO grown in MRS-CS-Lac vs WT grown in MRS-CS-Lac).

```
# read data
emsa_data_corr <- read_tsv("data/emsa/NagR_EMSA_vs_RNA_seq.txt")</pre>
```



```
# save the figure
ggsave("results/figures/figure_3C.pdf", device = cairo_pdf, width = 5, height = 5)
```

6.3 Determining EC_{50} values for NagR effectors Fig. 3D

 EC_{50} value for an effector is defined as effector concentration which inhibits 50% of the "control" shift (shift without the effector). To calculate EC_{50} values, EMSA gels were visualized via Odyssey CLx. Bands were quantified in Image Studio v5.2, and shift percentages (how much of the probe is shifted at a particular effector concentration) were calculated. The shift percentage w/ effector was divided by shift percentage w/o effector ("control" shift). The resulting data (data/emsa/NagR_effector_data.txt) were imported

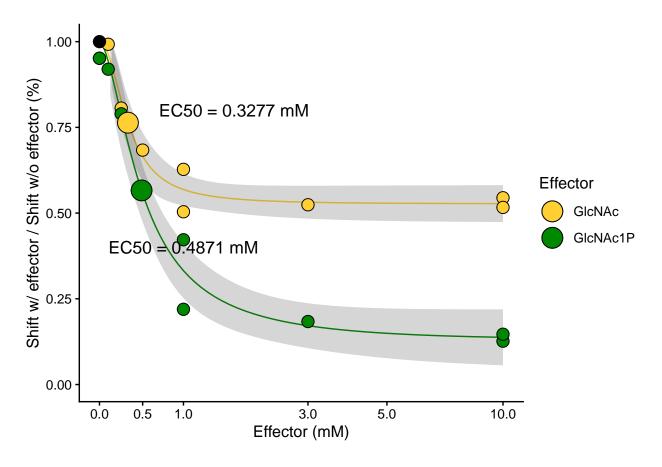
into R and approximated by a 4-parameter logistic (4PL) equation implemented in the drc package. In the 4PL model, the upper limit was fixed at 1.

```
# 4-parameter logistic model; upper limit is fixed to 1
# input: tibble with data
fourPL_model_eff <- function(site_data){</pre>
  drm(percent_max_shift~conc_mM,
      data = site_data,
      fct = LL.4(fixed=c(NA,NA,1,NA), names=c("Slope", "Min", "Max", "EC50")))
}
# read gel quantification data
emsa_data_eff <- read_tsv("data/emsa/NagR_effector_data.txt")</pre>
# split data for each effector into separate tibbles
data_GlcNAc <- filter(emsa_data_eff, effector == "GlcNAc")</pre>
data_GlcNAc1P <- filter(emsa_data_eff, effector == "GlcNAc1P")</pre>
data GlcNAc6P <- filter(emsa data eff, effector == "GlcNAc6P")</pre>
probes_data_eff <- lst(data_GlcNAc, data_GlcNAc1P, data_GlcNAc6P)</pre>
# fit the 4-parameter logistic model
models_eff <- lapply(probes_data_eff, fourPL_model_eff)</pre>
# print summary for each model
model_summary_eff <- lapply(models_eff, summary)</pre>
print(model_summary_eff)
## $data_GlcNAc
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) (3 parms)
##
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
## Slope:(Intercept) 2.100877
                                0.494005 4.2527 0.0027887 **
## Min:(Intercept)
                     0.527303
                                0.023641 22.3046 1.726e-08 ***
## EC50:(Intercept) 0.327653
                                0.047489 6.8996 0.0001246 ***
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
##
## Residual standard error:
   0.0409181 (8 degrees of freedom)
##
##
## $data_GlcNAc1P
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) (3 parms)
##
## Parameter estimates:
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value
                                                    p-value
                                0.315507 5.3156 0.0007148 ***
## Slope:(Intercept) 1.677098
## Min:(Intercept)
                                0.038519 3.4336 0.0089070 **
                     0.132259
## EC50:(Intercept) 0.487074
                                0.057809 8.4255 3.001e-05 ***
## ---
## Signif. codes: 0 '***' 0.001 '**' 0.05 '.' 0.1 ' ' 1
## Residual standard error:
```

```
##
   0.05658287 (8 degrees of freedom)
##
##
## $data_GlcNAc6P
##
## Model fitted: Log-logistic (ED50 as parameter) (3 parms)
## Parameter estimates:
##
##
                     Estimate Std. Error t-value p-value
## Slope:(Intercept)
                      2.79546
                                 8.26298 0.3383 0.7521
                      0.50531
## Min:(Intercept)
                                 0.54244
                                          0.9315 0.4043
## EC50:(Intercept)
                      4.46491
                                 7.74990 0.5761 0.5954
##
## Residual standard error:
##
  0.06341104 (4 degrees of freedom)
```

Plot quantification data and the resulting 4PL fit with 95% confidence intervals.

```
# GlcNAc fit for ggplot
conf_site_GlcNAc <- expand.grid(conc_mM=exp(seq(log(0.01), log(10), length=100)))</pre>
# calculate predicted values and respective 95% confidence intervals from the model using the "predict"
pm_site_GlcNAc <- predict(models_eff$data_GlcNAc, newdata=conf_site_GlcNAc, interval="confidence")
# new data with predictions/confidence intervals
conf_site_GlcNAc$p <- pm_site_GlcNAc[,1]</pre>
conf_site_GlcNAc$pmin <- pm_site_GlcNAc[,2]</pre>
conf_site_GlcNAc$pmax <- pm_site_GlcNAc[,3]</pre>
EC50_GlcNAc <- models_eff$data_GlcNAc$coefficients[3]
new_GlcNAc <- data.frame(x=c(EC50_GlcNAc))</pre>
yvalue_GlcNAc <- predict(models_eff$data_GlcNAc, newdata = new_GlcNAc)</pre>
# GlcNAc1P fit for ggplot
conf_site_GlcNAc1P <- expand.grid(conc_mM=exp(seq(log(0.01), log(10), length=100)))</pre>
# calculate predicted values and respective 95% confidence intervals from the model using the "predict"
pm_site_GlcNAc1P <- predict(models_eff$data_GlcNAc1P, conf_site_GlcNAc1P, interval="confidence")</pre>
# new data with predictions/confidence intervals
conf_site_GlcNAc1P$p <- pm_site_GlcNAc1P[,1]</pre>
conf_site_GlcNAc1P$pmin <- pm_site_GlcNAc1P[,2]</pre>
conf_site_GlcNAc1P$pmax <- pm_site_GlcNAc1P[,3]</pre>
EC50_GlcNAc1P <- models_eff$data_GlcNAc1P$coefficients[3]</pre>
new_GlcNAc1P <- data.frame(x=c(EC50_GlcNAc1P))</pre>
yvalue_GlcNAc1P <- predict(models_eff$data_GlcNAc1P, newdata = new_GlcNAc1P)
# plot data
ggplot() +
  geom_line(data=conf_site_GlcNAc, aes(x=conc_mM, y=p), color = "#ffcf34") +
  geom_ribbon(data=conf_site_GlcNAc, aes(x=conc_mM, y=p, ymin=pmin, ymax=pmax), alpha=0.2) +
  geom_line(data=conf_site_GlcNAc1P, aes(x=conc_mM, y=p), color = "#008800") +
  geom_ribbon(data=conf_site_GlcNAc1P, aes(x=conc_mM, y=p, ymin=pmin, ymax=pmax), alpha=0.2) +
  geom_point(data = data_GlcNAc, aes(x = conc_mM, y = percent_max_shift, fill="GlcNAc"), size=4, pch=21
  geom_point(data = data_GlcNAc1P, aes(x = conc_mM, y = percent_max_shift, fill="GlcNAc1P"), size=4, pc
  geom_point(aes(x = EC50_GlcNAc, y = yvalue_GlcNAc, fill="GlcNAc"), size = 7, pch=21) +
  geom_point(aes(x = EC50_GlcNAc1P, y = yvalue_GlcNAc1P, fill="GlcNAc1P"), size = 7, pch=21) +
  geom_point(aes(x = 0, y = 1), size = 4, pch=21, fill = "black") +
  scale_fill_manual(name="Effector",
```



```
# save the figure
ggsave("results/figures/figure_3E.pdf", device = cairo_pdf, width = 6, height = 5)
```

7 Session info

The output from running 'sessionInfo' is shown below and details all packages necessary to reproduce the results in this report.

sessionInfo()

```
## R version 4.1.2 (2021-11-01)
## Platform: x86_64-apple-darwin17.0 (64-bit)
## Running under: macOS Catalina 10.15.7
## Matrix products: default
           /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.1/Resources/lib/libRblas.0.dylib
## LAPACK: /Library/Frameworks/R.framework/Versions/4.1/Resources/lib/libRlapack.dylib
##
## locale:
## [1] en US.UTF-8/en US.UTF-8/en US.UTF-8/C/en US.UTF-8/en US.UTF-8
## attached base packages:
## [1] stats
                 graphics grDevices utils
                                                datasets methods
                                                                    base
##
## other attached packages:
## [1] ggpubr_0.4.0
                           Cairo_1.5-14
                                               drc 3.0-1
                                                                   MASS 7.3-54
## [5] pheatmap_1.0.12
                           ggrepel_0.9.1
                                               cowplot_1.1.1
                                                                   matrixStats_0.61.0
                                               gt_0.3.1
  [9] edgeR_3.36.0
                           limma_3.50.0
                                                                   tximport_1.22.0
## [13] forcats_0.5.1
                           stringr_1.4.0
                                               dplyr_1.0.7
                                                                   purrr_0.3.4
## [17] readr_2.1.1
                                                                   ggplot2_3.3.5
                           tidyr_1.1.4
                                               tibble_3.1.6
## [21] tidyverse_1.3.1
                           knitr_1.37
                                               tinytex_0.36
                                                                   rmarkdown_2.11
##
## loaded via a namespace (and not attached):
## [1] nlme_3.1-153
                           fs 1.5.2
                                               bit64_4.0.5
                                                                   lubridate_1.8.0
  [5] RColorBrewer_1.1-2 httr_1.4.2
                                                                   backports_1.4.1
                                               tools_4.1.2
## [9] utf8_1.2.2
                           R6_2.5.1
                                               mgcv_1.8-38
                                                                  DBI_1.1.2
## [13] colorspace 2.0-2
                           rhdf5filters 1.6.0 withr 2.4.3
                                                                   tidyselect 1.1.1
## [17] bit_4.0.4
                           compiler_4.1.2
                                               cli 3.1.0
                                                                   rvest 1.0.2
## [21] xml2 1.3.3
                           sandwich 3.0-1
                                               labeling 0.4.2
                                                                   checkmate 2.0.0
## [25] scales_1.1.1
                           mvtnorm_1.1-3
                                               digest_0.6.29
                                                                   pkgconfig_2.0.3
## [29] htmltools_0.5.2
                           plotrix_3.8-2
                                               highr_0.9
                                                                   dbplyr_2.1.1
## [33] fastmap_1.1.0
                           rlang_0.4.12
                                               readxl_1.3.1
                                                                   rstudioapi_0.13
## [37] farver_2.1.0
                           generics_0.1.1
                                               zoo_1.8-9
                                                                   jsonlite_1.7.2
                                                                  magrittr_2.0.1
## [41] vroom_1.5.7
                           gtools_3.9.2
                                               car_3.0-12
## [45] Matrix_1.4-0
                           Rhdf5lib_1.16.0
                                                                   munsell_0.5.0
                                               Rcpp_1.0.7
## [49] fansi_0.5.0
                           abind_1.4-5
                                               lifecycle_1.0.1
                                                                   stringi_1.7.6
                                                                   rhdf5_2.38.0
## [53] multcomp_1.4-18
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